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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-1-132;
Section 63-7-106; Section 63-7-123 and Section 63-7-207,
relative to advanced practice registered nurses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-1-132(c), is amended by deleting the words "nurse practitioners and".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-7-106, is amended by deleting subsection (g) in its entirety.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-7-123, is amended by deleting subsections (a), (b) and (c) in their entirety, by substituting instead the following, and by relettering the existing subsection (d) accordingly:

(a) "Practice of advanced practice nursing" means that of the professional nurse as defined in § 63-7-103 and additionally includes, but is not limited to, prescribing and implementing a plan of care including services, equipment and prescription drugs. Advanced practice registered nurses are authorized to prescribe, administer, dispense and procure prescription drugs including controlled substances listed in Schedules II, III, IV and V of Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 4.

(b) "Advanced practice registered nurses" means registered nurses who have met the additional qualifications, competencies and education as defined by the board and include nurse practitioners, nurse anesthetists, nurse midwives, and clinical nurse specialists.

(c) Any person who holds a certificate to practice advanced practice nursing shall, during the effective period of such certification, be entitled to use the title "Advanced Practice Registered Nurse" or the abbreviation "APRN". No other person shall assume such title or use such abbreviation or any other words, letters or signs to indicate that the person using the same is an advanced practice registered nurse.

(d) An applicant for a certificate to practice as an advanced practice registered nurse shall pay an initial certification fee as well as a biennial renewal fee as set by the board.

(e) It is the intent of this act that any registered nurse with a license in good standing upon the effective date of this act and authorized by the board to prescribe shall be eligible for a certificate to practice as an advanced practice registered nurse upon submission of an application and payment of applicable fees.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-7-207, is amended by deleting subdivision (14) in its entirety and substituting instead the following language:

(14) Establish and examine the qualifications, competencies, and education required of a registered nurse applying for a certificate to practice as an advanced practice registered nurse.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.